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Abandoned dog recovering

SARAH FERGUSON Fort Erie Times

Fort Erie SPCA caregiver Karen Hawkins pets Tommy, a doberman pinscher, who was found in brush near the Rio Vista Golf Course in Fort Erie two weeks ago. The animal has a fibula fracture to his hip and was abandoned.

Tommy is expected to make a full recovery

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Tommy, a doberman pinscher, is thriving and was in good spirits Monday after he was recovered from a wooded area when he was left for dead more than a week ago.

Fort Erie resident Thomas McCleary was visiting his friends at a Thompson Rd. home on Nov. 15 when he heard a dog yelping loudly.

"I heard the dog barking and I thought something wasn't right," he said.

When McCleary searched out where the noise was coming from, he found the pooch about a hundred metres into the brush beside the Rio Vista Golf Course.

"He has a great personality and he had no problem with us picking him up," McCleary said of the dog.

The dog was taken to the Fort Erie SPCA and received surgery to repair a hip fracture, said SPCA assistant manager Robyn Voice.

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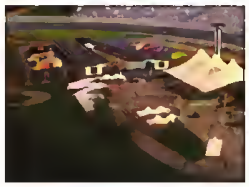

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Province backs grant for new south Niagara hospital

Health minister Deb Matthews said Liberals support planning grant for hospital

Ray Spiteri and Tony Ricciuto
QMI Agency Niagara

For the first time in 14 months, the Liberal government appears closer than ever to approving a south Niagara hospital.

"Our government is prepared to take the next step in the form of a planning grant so that the best health care will be delivered in Niagara going forward," Health Minister Deb Matthews said Monday.

"We are on track to announce more details in the coming weeks."

In September, Niagara Health System supervisor Kevin Smith recommended the province endorse a hospital near Lyons Creek and Montrose Rds. to replace aging sites in Niagara Falls, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Fort Erie, Welland and Port Colborne.

"Dr. Smith has built a strong case for a new hospital in south Niagara and there is growing local support for his proposal," said Matthews. "We continue to review (the) NHS' proposal very carefully."

Smith said he's pleased Matthews will provide a grant.

"In my view, based on the economics and clinical need, the south site is a when and not an if."

He said the NDP's idea to build a south Niagara hospital and keep existing sites open would defeat the purpose of what the NHS is trying to do — consolidate its activity and staff.

Matthews' statement comes after Ontario Progressive Conservative Leader Tim Hudak called on the minority government to approve a grant allowing local authorities to move forward in building a south Niagara hospital.

The grant would provide the NHS with financing to develop a preliminary capital plan to identify core services and programs, and outline governance of the new organization within the hospital. The next step would be a capital planning grant to finalize plans before construction begins.

Hudak said that was the criteria for the proposed Windsor mega hospital, which received a $2.5 million planning grant in January to consolidate two sites into one.

He was skeptical of Matthews' statement.

"I think I know this particular card trick," said Hudak. "They will find a candidate who will miraculously convince minister Matthews of the benefits of the south Niagara hospital, but nobody believes the Liberals are sincere."

Hudak said the NDP is reckless by offering an unrealistic proposal to build a hospital and keep existing sites open.

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Timeline set for speedway

Final site plan should be submitted to Town of Fort Erie in April

Matt Day
QMI Agency Niagara

The first portion of phase one for the Canadian Motor Speedway is complete.

In order for construction crews to begin building the $400-million raceway in Fort Erie, a narrow creek that runs through the property needs to be rerouted.

Speedway spokesman Erik Tomas said Aecon Construction finished the first-half of the project recently, repositioning 200,000 tons of top soil and clay, excavating the main flow channel of Miller Creek and hydro-seeding its banks.

Once completed, Miller Creek will be 60 metres wide, two metres deep and repositioned to the north of its current location.

The site will be secured for winter and phase one should be completed in the spring, he said.

Canadian Motor Speedway partner and executive director Azhar Mohammad said an architectural firm for the Jeff Gordon-designed speedway should be selected by mid-February.

A final site plan should be submitted to the town in April and construction could start by mid-summer, he added.

Horwath: Hudak doesn't talk about people and services needed

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NDP Leader Andrea Horwath said Hudak talks about streamlining administration and making sure experts are listened to, but doesn't talk about people and the health-care services they need.

"With all due respect to Dr. Smith, he's a bureaucrat, he likes to count paperclips and that's his job, but politicians have a different job and that's to try and meet the needs of the people," she said.

"Dr. Smith is suggesting a hospital is to save millions and millions of dollars, but the amalgamation that happened in the Niagara health service was supposed to save millions and millions of dollars and they didn't save a dime."

A Tory motion asking the government to back Smith's recommendation passed 71-15 in the legislature Monday. Horwath said New Democrats voted against the motion because it would shut down local hospitals.

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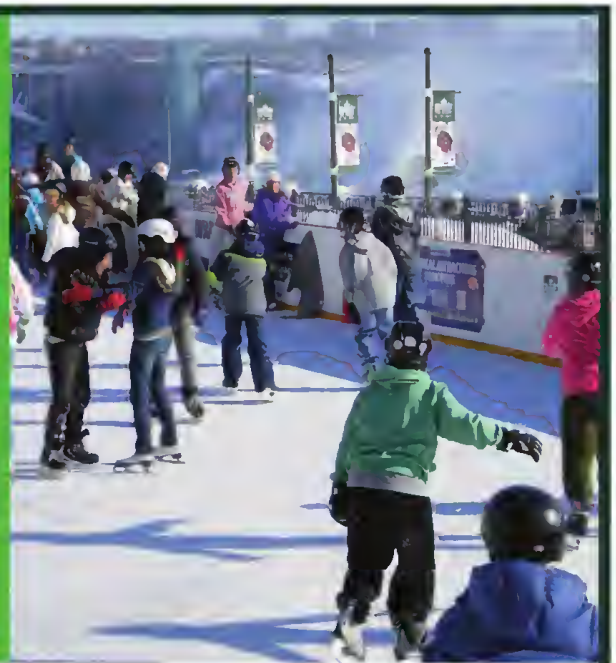

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Do You Remember?

Last week's photo of the artists at Christmas brought in no calls, so it will go back into the unidentified people binders here at the museum.

If you are able to identify the people in last week's photo, you can still call the museum and let volunteers know who these people are.

Does anyone remember these children on the Rotary float or recognize what year or where this week's photo of the Santa Claus parade was taken?

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Bay Beach condo shouldn't be on council agenda

Sarah Ferguson
Editor's Notebbok

The Bay Beach condominium development was up for discussion again during this week's council meeting.

After renegotiating the Molinaros' contract in closed session for several weeks, town council brought their discussion regarding the Bay Beach condos out into the open on Monday night.

Although none of the details from previous closed session meetings were made available to the public, council discussed another twist in the long talked about Molinaro development. The Molinaros asked council to consider an extension from the town.

The new deadline—June 2015—would give the Molinaros an 18-month period to sell more condo units.

Interim chief administrative officer Rick Brady said the Molinaros were expected to sell at least 45 units as part of the contract. The clause was added by condo developers to give them a risk-free date which would allow them to leave the project behind without any risks or consequences of doing so.

Of the condominium project's 67 units, only 16 have been sold, developer Vince Molinaro told me two weeks ago.

After a heated discussion, councillors voted 4-3, and denied an extension for the Bay Beach condo.

After the Molinaros failed to meet a specific term of purchase and sale agreement with the Town of Fort Erie, there isn't much time left for the developers to sell units in the development.

The Molinaros must sell 45 units by Tuesday, Dec. 31.

During the council meeting Monday night, Mayor Doug Martin said he thought the way town council has treated the Molinaros was abysmal.

He said anytime you hang such a dark cloud over a development, it will have an impact on sales. I agree with what he said.

There has been talk about this condo for years.

It's been far too long that this development has been debated at council meetings if you ask me.

I understand both points of view. A condominium, the first of its kind in Fort Erie will create a lot of change.

Some feel it will impact the area in a negative way, while others feel it will bring in jobs to the town.

Whether you agree with the development coming to Fort Erie, or not, it's time to say enough already.

There has been appeal after appeal with the Ontario Municipal Board and it has appeared before council numerous times.

Often the development has been referred to as controversial but at this point I don't think it is.

My concern is about what council's decision from Monday night says to potential developers looking to bring projects to the area.

If I were to bring industry to Fort Erie, I am not sure I would want to based on how long this condominium project has been held up.

Fort Erie has larger problems to deal with than one development.

This town needs its council to focus on other projects that need attention.

There is a vast population of residents out of work and any developer willing to bring in employment opportunities should be welcomed.

New industry could certainly spruce up Jarvis Street which is in need of a revitalization.

Then there are other issues that need to be dealt with such as the Kinsmen Pool.

As it sits now, the pool is left to decay and there is nothing for the youth of Fort Erie in that end of town to occupy their time during the summer months except for the library.

Fort Erie needs to shed light on other projects that will help it grow and become a more vibrant community.

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opinion page

Christmas films brighten library during December

Amy Roebuck
Fort Erie Public Library

What is your favourite Christmas movie?

Whatever it may be, chances are we will be showing it at the Fort Erie Public Library during the month of December. You can enjoy holiday films on Monday and Thursday evenings and on Saturday afternoons at the Centennial branch and on Tuesday afternoons at Crystal Ridge, until Dec. 23.

A Christmas Story, with several scenes filmed in St. Catharines, has us cheering for Ralphie as he struggles to convince his parents, teachers and Santa that a Red Ryder B.B. gun really is the perfect gift for the mid-20th century boy.

A Christmas Story will be screened on Dec. 2 at 6:30 p.m. at the Centennial branch, and on Dec. 3 at 2: p.m. at Crystal Ridge.

Will Ferrell's Elf will be on the playbill for Dec. 9 and Dec. 10, also at the Centennial branch Monday evening and at the Crystal Ridge branch on Tuesday afternoon.

The Thursday evening movie picks are all a matter of choices.

Holiday Inn, the 1942 Irving Berlin musical starring Bing Crosby and Fred Astaire, will be featured on Dec. 5 at 6:30 p.m. at the Centennial branch. This film predates the more popular White Christmas, but it introduces that all-time favourite number. When it is time for watching Miracle on 34th Street, do you prefer the black and white or the colour version?

Is your favourite Kris Kringle played by Richard Attenborough or Edmund Gwenn?

We'll have both on hand, and take a vote on Dec. 12 at 6:30 p.m.

If you feel that the 1951 Alastair Sim version of Charles Dickens' Christmas Carol is overused, join us on Dec. 19 at 6:30 p.m. for the 1938 movie starring Reginald Owen.

Jim Carrey's take on A Christmas Carol, produced by Disney, will be our Saturday matinee on Dec. 7, starting at 2:00 p.m.

Children's programs in December offer fun and learning right up to the holidays.

Knitting with the Bowen Road Women's Institute ladies continues on Thursday evenings at Crystal Ridge through December 19, and Lego Maker Club will be at Stevensville on Dec. 10, on December 14 at the Crystal Ridge branch, and on Dec. 18 at Centennial branch. Holiday Story times for little ones 18 months and older will be on Dec. 17 at Crystal Ridge and December 18 at Centennial branch.

There are just ten days left to contribute hats and mittens, scarves and books for the mitten trees and book baskets at all library branches.

These items will be distributed through St. Vincent de Paul at St. George's Roman Catholic Church, Kinsmen Gift of Love, the Salvation Army, and other area churches.

For information on holiday programs, books, hours and more at the Fort Erie Public Library, please visit the website at www.fepl.ca.

Amy Roebuck is the community services coordinator for the Fort Erie Public Library.

Life as a medical journalist is educational

Dr. Gifford Jones
The Doctor's Game

"Have you ever thought you'd like to be a journalist?"

Well, here's the good and the bad.

First, I was well trained at The Harvard Medical School, but as a journalist I've had an unprecedented learning experience searching for information I would never have sought before, on all sorts of topics.

The bad?

The profession requires responsibility, discipline, thick skin and recurring deadlines.

So I've written about the experience in a book titled, "What I Learned as a Medical Journalist."

I quickly learned that hypocrisy and distortion of the truth can affect doctors and humanitarian organizations. Years ago I urged the government to legalize heroin to ease the agony of terminal cancer patients.

I won the battle with great difficulty but lost the war.

Bureaucrats put asinine, inhumane restrictions on its use. Their decision was a disastrous error, and those responsible should rot in hell for the untold suffering they have caused terminal cancer patients.

As a medical journalist I quickly became convinced that Pogo was right when he remarked, "We have identified the enemy and the enemy is us."

How disastrous it is that every 40 seconds a new case of diabetes is diagnosed in North America and every 37 seconds someone dies of coronary attack!

But the Korean War had already shown what was happening when autopsies revealed that 77 percent of U.S. soldiers, with an average age of 22, had significant coronary disease. One percent of the enemy had it. North Americans were obviously doing something terribly wrong.

Without the research for my column I'm sure I would have been convinced that cholesterol was the culprit in cardiac deaths, and that cholesterol-lowering drugs (CLDs) were the only answer.

Now, I'm convinced that CLDs represent an unmitigated disaster of unparalleled proportions, the greatest medical hoax ever committed by pharmaceutical companies.

I've witnessed North Americans becoming the most over-drugged society in history. Now, a well patient is someone who hasn't seen enough doctors or had a barrage of tests done. This over-treatment carries a heavy price tag.

For instance, it's ironic that every year 100,000 North Americans die from prescription drugs, the ones that were supposed to cure them.

Add on another 700,000 that are admitted to an emergency room due to unintended drug reactions.

Yet to my knowledge no dead bodies result from natural remedies. Without being a journalist I might never have tried natural remedies before resorting to prescription medication.

My book covers a variety of these issues, for instance, the myths of cholesterol that lead so many people astray.

It vividly illustrates that " It's not the things you don't know that get you into trouble, it's the things you know for sure that ain't so."

Over the last 37 years, as a doctor and journalist, I've learned that practicing medicine can be a grim affair.

This is why I believe it's vital to keep a sense of humour in our stress laden society. So the last chapter of my book covers a number of humorous topics, as I've never known anyone to die from laughter.

The book explains why I believe there should be a pub in every hospital. How I discovered the most embarrassing sexual injury. How many of us could pass the fighter pilot test. And why I might never have been a journalist if I hadn't married a smart woman.

But my most important learning experience?

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Adding it all up, journalism was an unexpected career and one hell of a ride. So my thanks to Lady Luck that I didn't miss this experience. "What I Learned as a medical Journalist" is available in health food stores.

See the web site www.docgiff.com For comments info@docgiff.com

Health care in forefront as election looms

Dear Editor,

The games begin.

The power play of the parties started now that the bi-election is looming, and health care is a major issue in Niagara where health care has been cut drastically.

The Minister of Health appointed Supervisor Kevin Smith to assess the problems and find a workable solution.

He made NHS leadership changes, and opened locked doors, making them approachable and then, after months of working with community leaders and health agencies wrote his report. A site for a new hospital to replace our aging facilities was chosen and voted on by the mayors and the report submitted to the minister.

The game plan of this political game of chance has started: NDP Leader Andrea Horwath wants the hospital built on Lyons Creek Rd, but also wants the other hospitals to remain open.

PC Leader Tim Hudak wants the hospital built, and also wants the Liberal government to approve a planning grant to start the building process, as was done for Windsor, stating that it would be $285-million less to build a new site than to keep older sites going plus another $10-million annually in operating costs.

Liberal Premier Wynne has not yet called a bi-election to replace Kim Craitor, and both the premier and the minister of health, Deb Matthews remain uncommitted on the issue of building a new hospital in Niagara south.

The Yellow Shirt Brigade is still watching carefully to what is going on and listening to what is being said.

Both Andrea Horwath and Tim Hudak have been to Fort Erie during our fight for our hospitals and they are still out there speaking for all of us. Premier McGuinty promised to keep Fort Erie hospital open if he was elected, and we all know how that turned out.

Who we vote for is obviously a game of chance, so listen and watch carefully before you place your bet in the voting booth.

Joy Russell
Yellow Shirt Brigade

Dog's injuries were left untreated longer than estimated

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"He went in for surgery (last) Thursday," Voyce said.

"We speculated that his injury was about a week old at the time, but because he was hydrated at the time, we realized afterward that was not the case."

Initially, SPCA employees estimated the dog had been struck by a car and was left to roam for two to three days.

Voyce said the dog's injuries went untreated for some time. A local veterinarian determined the injury "was quite old" because of scar tissue found on the wound.

Tommy, who was named after the road he was rescued on, is "doing really well."

Voyce said pins were surgically used to repair the fracture to the pooch's hip.

"Once he's ready to have the cast off, his hip will need to be x-rayed again."

When the Times' reported the story on its website last week, Voyce said news spread fast which led to an outpouring of support from the community.

"The donations for Tommy have been incredible. Everyone has pitched in and made a difference."

The dog's surgery cost $500 on top of $400 in veterinary fees to heal the animal.

Once he is fully recovered, Tommy will be placed with a foster family. Voyce said a few people have expressed an interest in adopting Tommy.

When Tommy finds his forever home, Voyce said the dog will receive $275 worth of training classes from Dave McMahon's Dog Academy in Niagara Falls.

Voyce said Tommy will still need medications and a special type of food during his recovery.

Donations for Tommy, as well as other animals under the Fort Erie SPCA's care can be dropped off at the organization at 410 Jarvis St. or call 905-871-2461.

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Friday, December 20th
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Saturday, December 21st
Pot Luck Supper 4pm
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Council to consider future use of Rose Seaton School

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

The Town of Fort Erie wants to see former Rose Seaton Elementary School put to good use.

An open house was held Wednesday at town hall for the public to come forward to get a glance at ideas for the future use of property. About 20 people attended and shared their input with town staff, said Ward 1 Coun. Stephen Passero.

Rose Seaton, along with Fort Erie Elementary School, closed in June as a result of an accommodation.

The District School Board of Niagara owns the property and the town is looking at rezoning it to make it more attractive to potential buyers.

"We hope to rezone it to make it more marketable and make the sale quicker. The last thing we want to see is a vacant property sitting for a long amount of time," Passero said.

"Right now, the property is zoned for institutional uses which offers a limited list of uses for the property," Passero added.

"We're looking for proposed ideas for rezoning the structure that would allow more uses to be done on the site than is currently available."

Passero said leaving the land vacant is not ideal as it could lead to loitering and graffiti.

"The quicker we can find someone to take hold of the property, the better it is for everyone."

"We heard a lot of difference of opinions which included what people would like to see and what they would not like to see," Passero said of Wednesday's meeting.

Suggestions that came from the meeting included turning the property into a park or developing single-family housing.

The information from Wednesday's meeting will be compiled into a report for council on Dec. 2.

"During this meeting, an official public meeting where people will be invited to express the pros and the cons of rezoning the property," Passero said.

Rezoning the property is the first step in a long process to see the land reused. Passero said the land would likely be rezoned by the end of January if council approves the process. Once the property is rezoned, and purchased, the new owner of the property will have to complete a site plan.

He encourages the public to attend the Dec. 2 public meeting or submit their input in writing to town staff.

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Christmas comes to Ridgeway

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Business owners in downtown Ridgeway are celebrating Christmas early this year.

The Ridgeway Business Improvement Area is inviting the community to celebrate the holidays during the organization's two-day Spirit of Christmas Festival said BIA spokesperson Vivianne Cooney.

"It's a chance to kick off the holiday season, and of course, it gives people a chance to shop locally," Cooney said.

The annual event will be held Friday, Dec. 6 and Saturday, Dec. 7 and includes horse and carriage rides, Victorian carolers, a bonfire at the Village Square, children's school choirs, a candlelight stroll, a tree lighting and photos with Santa Claus.

This year's theme is a Dickens-style open house.

Cooney said the details of the event will be finalized this week, but there is something for everyone in the family.

"It's a family friendly event that everyone can participate in whether they are young or old," she said.

The holiday festival has been a tradition in Ridgeway for more than 20 years, and it's a celebration Cooney looks forward to each year because it brings the community together.

"The town is decorated, there are baskets hanging from poles with greenery and Christmas bulbs decorate trees. It beautifies the community," she said.

"My favourite part is watching the kids go up and down the street and singing and seeing the smiles on their faces."

For more information visit online at www.ridgewayont.ca.

Holiday fun

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In this file photo, a family rides a horse-drawn carriage during the Spirit of Christmas in downtown Ridgeway last year.

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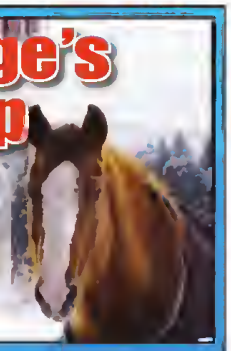

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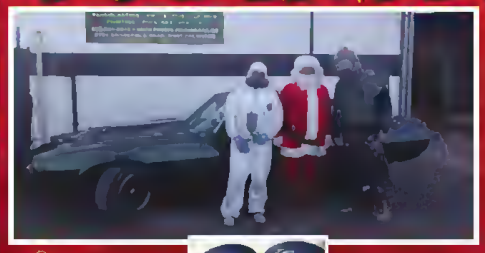

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The region celebrated National Housing Day last Friday, a day after regional council approved a 10-year plan for affordable housing. The hefty report focuses on tackling homelessness in the community in the face of a dramatic public housing shortage.

"I think the thing that excites me most about it is this is now a focal point," said YWCANiagara executive director Elisabeth Zimmermann. "We recognize it as a community need and it's something that should be happening.

"My hope is it becomes a priority, from a council and a community perspective."

The new plan comes with Niagara Region facing a massive social housing crunch.

More than 11,000 people are waiting for affordable housing, said Niagara Regional Housing executive director Lora Beckwith.

"We have about 8,000 units, but if you do that comparison, it doesn't come through. People have to move out before people can move in," she said.

The document lays out four goals-- housing the homeless, helping people retain their home, increasing housing options and building housing system capacity--along with a series of steps towards them.

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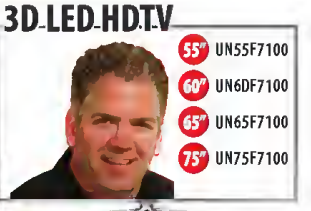

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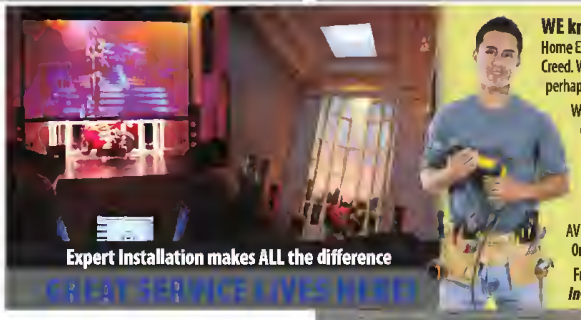

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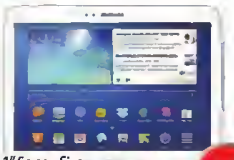

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The musical hosted by St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 245 Prospect Pt. Holiday concert featuring All Saints Anglican Church, St. George's Roman Catholic Church and Peoples' United Memorial Church. 7 p.m. Free admission. Donations will be accepted for Saint Vincent De Paul food bank.

DECEMBER 1

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Come and join the fun. Sing Christmas carols at St. John's Stevensville United Church, 14789 Sodom Rd., Stevensville. 1:30 p.m. Donations will be accepted during the event for local food bank.

DECEMBER 2

NIAGARA BEEKEEPERS

Association meets at the Niagara Regional Police Service community room, 5 Lincoln St., Welland, starts at 7 p.m.

DECEMBER 5

MAKERS CLUB

Learn to knit at Fort Erie Public Library. For ages 8-14. Program is free. 6:30-7:30 p.m., Crystal-Ridge branch.

DECEMBER 7

WEST END COMMUNITY

Food Drive from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Donations of non-perishable goods will be collected at Fort Erie Fire Stations 4, 5, and 6. Donations will also be accepted Nov. 30 and Dec. 21 at Fort Erie Fire Station 6. The collection will benefit the Ridgeway, Crystal Beach and Stevensville Food Bank run by St. Vincent De Paul.

ONGOING

HOLIDAY MOVIES

At Fort Erie Public Library in December. Christmas Story: Dec. 2, 6:30 p.m., Centennial branch; Dec. 2, 2 p.m., Crystal-Ridge branch. Holiday Inn: Dec. 5, 6:30 p.m., Centennial branch. Disney's A Christmas Carol: Dec. 7, 2 p.m., Centennial branch. Elf: Dec. 9, 6:30 p.m., Centennial branch; Dec. 10, Crystal-Ridge branch, 2 p.m.

HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

for the month of December for Community Program Outreach Erie. Any non-perishable items, toiletries, instant formula and diapers greatly needed. Other items needed include: pancake mix, syrup, canned fruit, vegetables, peanut butter, jam, tuna fish, cereal, lunch snacks, crackers, cookies, juice boxes, and pasta. For more information call 905-871-2526.

ALZHEIMER SOCIETY

of Niagara Region support groups for care partners meet the first Tuesday of the month, 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Welland Community Wellness Complex, and second Wednesday of the month, same time, at Foyer Richelieu. For information, call 905-687-3914.

BOWEN ROAD

Women's Institute meets third Thursday of the month at People's Memorial Church, Ridgeway, at 7 p.m.

AIR CADETS

337 Allan Troup Squadron meet every Wednesday at Fort Erie Leisureplex, Lions Banquet Hall. 6:45-9:30 p.m. For youth ages 12-18 years-old. For more information e-mail harold.sully@cadets.net.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

Anyone who is grieving the loss of a loved one, meetings are every second and fourth Thursday of the month at St. Kevin's Church (Hospitality Room) from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., 303 Niagara St., Welland. Call 905-732-3969 for further information.

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Bouquet for COPE

A bouquet for Barb and Mandy at Community Program Outreach Erie, as well as all of their volunteers who put their hearts and souls into helping the less fortunate members of our community every day.

Bouquet for a woman

A bouquet for the woman who is out every morning with her dog collecting litter. I don't want you to go unrecognized because you are making a visible difference to the Town of Fort Erie. Thank you.

A brick for an officer not following rules of the road

A brick to police officer I saw turning left onto Sunset Drive from Gilmore Road with no signal and a cell phone at his ear. He's probably thankful the roles were not reversed that morning.

A bouquet for parents

A bouquet to my mom and dad for being my parents. I would be so lost without them. I know that when I am in trouble or need advice, I can always come to them for help. Thanks!

A brick to a disrespectful person

A brick for the person who threw eggs at my car. I can't believe someone would do that. I hope you come forward and apologize to me for what you did.

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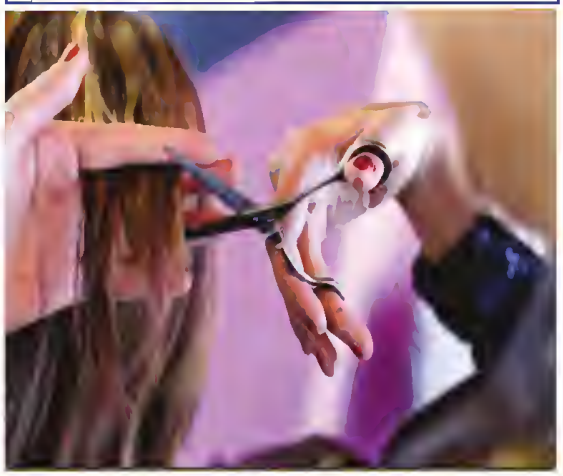

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- Your business may find it easier to obtain financing

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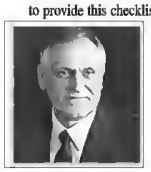

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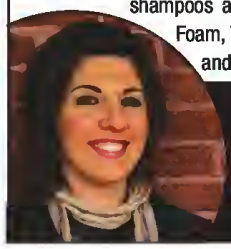

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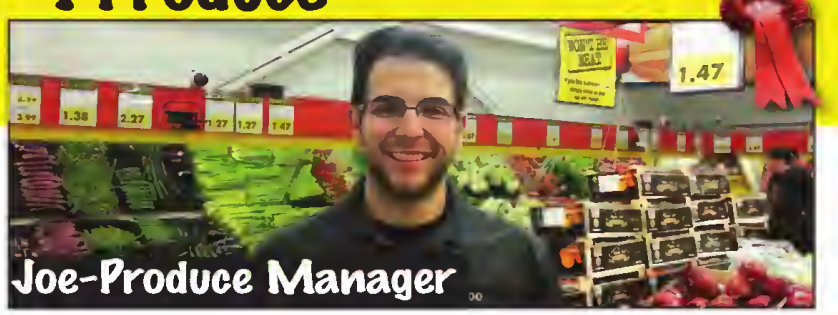

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4:45 p.m.	Greetings from the Mayor (at Pacific Productions)
5:00 p.m.	**Children's Elementary Choir performances at Pacific Productions** St. George's Catholic School Conducted by Suzanne Farnan
5:30 p.m.	**Crystal Beach Public School** Conducted by Heather Bauer
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1:30 p.m.	**Stevensville Public School** To be confirmed
2:00 p.m.	**St. Joseph,s Public School** To be confirmed
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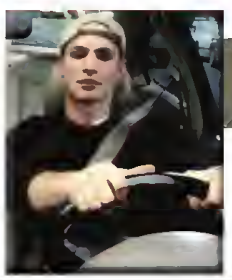

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Boxes filled with hope

Crystal Beach resident invites the community to fill boxes full of items for women living in shelters this Christmas

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

It's hard to imagine what it's like for a woman to leave her home with nothing but the clothes on her back.

But it is a reality for women in the Niagara region and Crystal Beach resident Alison Earl would like to help them.

As the holiday season nears, Earl hopes to make the season a little brighter for women living in shelters. Earl is organizing a collection of shoe boxes filled with a variety of items such as mitts, hats, scarves, chocolates, makeup, soap, hairbrushes, and phone cards. The fundraiser is part of the Shoebox Project, which is a non-profit initiative that collects small gifts and gives them to women living in shelters.

"This is the first time this (initiative) has been done in Niagara," Earl said.

"It started in 2011 with (former Canadian prime minister) Brian Mulroney's daughter and three daughters-in-law. They filled 400 shoeboxes in the first year and the Shoebox Project was born," she added.

Since it's inception, the Shoebox Project has grown to see 18 communities across Canada participate.

The items will be distributed to Women's Place of South Niagara in Welland and Gillian's Place in St. Catharines.

Earl decided to organize her own shoebox initiative in Niagara because there is a great need for assistance. Earl said the Women's Place of South Niagara is currently operating at 115% capacity.

"I felt it was important to support the shoebox project because the women in the shelters sometimes leave in the middle of the night and they don't have anything with them," she said.

Earl said she is hoping members of the community will fill a shoebox with at least $50 worth of items.

"If you're wondering what kinds of things you can put inside a box, just think about all of the things you as a woman have touched in the last 72 hours," she said.

" These are the kinds of things that women need."

Donations for the Shoebox Project can be made at Yoga Joy, 395 Derby Rd., in Crystal Beach, the Ridgeway IDA, 307 Ridge Rd., in Ridgeway and the office of Dr. R. Ordinario, 1138 Garrison Rd., in Fort Erie.

Donations of items will be collected until Dec. 16 and the items will be distributed to the shelters on Dec. 19.

For more information about the Shoebox Project, Earl encourages people to visit online at www.shoeboxproject.com or e-mail Earl at niagara@shoeboxproject.com .

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Who: Shoebox Project Niagara

What: collecting donations for Women's Place of South Niagara and Gillian's Place

When: Until Dec. 16

Where: Yoga Joy, 395 Derby Rd., Crystal Beach, Ridgeway IDA, 307 Ridge Rd., Ridgeway, Dr. R. Ordinario, 1138 Garrison Rd., Fort Erie.

Why: To support women in need

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Shoebox Project Niagara Co-ordinator Alison Earl is asking residents to fill boxes with personal items for women in need. The boxes can be dropped off at several local businesses and will be distributed to the Women's Place of South Niagara and Gillian's Place.

Local youth featured in Welland kickboxing event

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Christian Pereira is only 13 years old but she's already kicking up a storm in the kickboxing world.

The Grade 8 student from Bertie Public School trains six days a week, splitting her time between Modern Vision Mixed Martial Arts in Welland and Irwin Boxing in Niagara Falls.

SARAH FERGUSON Special to the Times

Christian Pereira, (right) a 13 year-old Grade 8 student from Bertie Public School will be featured in A Kickin' Christmas, a Thai Kickboxing event hosted by Modern Vision Mixed Martial Arts. The event will be held in Welland at the Ukranian Cultural Centre Saturday, Dec. 7.

Pereira decided to get into the ring after watching her older brothers compete in the sport.

"I tried kick boxing because I liked the competitions," Pereira said.

"I have a strong passion for the sport and to go to the nationals as part of Team Canada is the ultimate goal."

The sport requires Pereira to improve her strength to compete. In her short career, the youth has won five of eight bouts in the ring.

To advance in the sport, Pereira has to dedicate a lot of her time training, and has to balance school work and a social life.

"I'm not the most popular kid at school," Pereira said.

Instead of spending weeknights at a friend's house, Pereira finds herself in the gym because her training is important to her.

"I do have three close friends and that's all I need," she said.

Periera enjoys kickboxing because the sport gives her an opportunity to push herself to her limits physically.

"It's a really great way to test yourself and push yourself to your limits," she said.

"It gives you a great feeling."

Finding competitors can be difficult as there aren't as many female kickboxers as there are male kickboxers.

"You have to be within a few pounds of your competitor if you want to get in the ring," Pereira said.

"That's why you usually face the same opponents."

But Pereira said the sport is growing and is gaining popularity among women. Kickboxing also teaches her important skills she can take from the ring and use in her daily life.

"I know I love it because kickboxing is strategic, she said.

"It also allows me to focus on my mind and body connection. Kickboxing is about respecting your instructor and your own body."

Pereira is currently training to compete in the Ontario Winter Games which will be held in February in Muskoka and features more than 1,500 athletes each year.

Competitors who perform well in this event could be given an opportunity to compete in the World Championship in September.

Pereira hopes to be one of the competitors selected to compete at a national level.

"What they're looking for at the Winter Games are for people who are improving," she said.

Pereira will be featured in A Kickin' Christmas, a full-contact Thai kickboxing event hosted by Modern Vision Mixed Martial Arts in Welland on Dec. 7.

Pereira will be featured in the low kick under 45 kg category. She is among local talent including Dalton Brady, Aaron Jeffery and Anthony Romero who will compete in the event.

"The show will be a good time for kids and parents to come out and check (kickboxing) out," she said.

A Kickin' Christmas

Who: Christian Pereira

What: Will be featured in A Kickin' Christmas, a life full-contact Thai kickboxing event.

Tickets are $20 for adults, and $10 for children 12 and under. Tickets are available at Modern Vision MMA.

When: Saturday, Dec. 7. 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. shows

Where: Ukranian Cultural Centre, 40 McCabe St., Welland.

Why: To highlight Niagara's Thai kickboxing competitors.

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Pills differ in the type of progesterone they contain. Some pills are particularly effective for improving acne. DIANE 35 is used to treat moderate to severe acne. YAZ is used for mild to moderate acne. There may be a very small increased risk of forming a clot on these pills, and so pills such as ALESSE and MARVELON can be tried first.

Some pills are monophasic, meaning they have constant levels of estrogen and progesterone. Others have changing levels of progesterone. Both types of pills are effective, the only difficulty with a triphasic pill is that it is not ideal to be taken without a pill free interval. If an individual wants to take their pills back to back to avoid a period, they may still get a period with the triphasic pill.

Sometimes women develop migraines on the pill because of a drop in estrogen during the week off the pill, or they want to avoid having a period. In this case it may be worth taking SEASONALE. This is a pill you take for three months in a row without a break. This is safe to do and may help with the above mentioned issues.

Patients should be aware that some medications can decrease the effectiveness of the pill. Rifampin, barbiturates, phenytoin and carbamazepine can all decrease effectiveness. Experts say that antibiotics are unlikely to reduce efficacy of the pill.

The pill is a good tool for treating a myriad of issues. It can prevent pregnancy, clear acne, regulate and lighten cycles. There a number of options when it comes to the type of pill you take to address each of these concerns. Talk to your doctor or pharmacist to determine the right one for you.

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Parade winners

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Judges voted each participant and awarded prizes. The categories included best band, business, community organization, service club, secondary school, elementary school and the overall winner.

Best band: Niagara Christian Community of Schools
Business: Sherwin Williams Canada
Community organization: 337 Squadron Air Cadets
Service club: Kinsmen and Kinettes
Secondary school: Ridgeway Crystal Beach Highschool
Elementary School: Peace Bridge Public School
Overall: Peacock School of Dance

After school program receives funding boost from bank

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

An after school program is uniting three former schools in Fort Erie.

"It's a much needed after school program that wouldn't have started without a spark," Peace Bridge Public principal Cindy Cohinski said of the after school program offered through the Fort Erie Multicultural Centre.

The program opened in October, but local dignitaries, RBC employees and Multicultural Centre employees met at Peace Bridge Public School during an open house Wednesday to see the program in action.

The program is held daily at Peace Bridge Public School from 3:30 to 6 p.m., and has been funded through a $40,000 grant provided as part of RBC Royal Bank's After School Project. The grant is part of $2.8 million that has been given to 106 organizations across Canada.

Cohinski said there was a great need for the program since Fort Erie Elementary School, Rose Seaton Public School and General Vanier closed and amalgamated into Peace Bridge Public School this year.

Both Fort Erie and Rose Seaton offered afterschool programming which disappeared when they closed, Cohinski said.

Multicultural Centre youth worker Sondra Barrett said the afterschool program hosted at Peace Bridge Public School serves 30 children and there is a growing waiting list.

Barrett said the afterschool program offers snacks, activities and transportation home for students.

The grant received will cover the costs of the program for one school year. As the year progresses, Barrett said the Multicultural Centre will reach out to the community to fundraise for subsequent years.

"The grant pretty much covers what we need this year but we'll have to continue to fundraise for the program," Barrett said.

The youth worker said the Multicultural Centre is also looking for community partners to help fund the program.

"This program is important for a lot of people and we would like to see it continue to grow."

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From left, Jon Michael Mollicone and Trista Lofgren read a book during an afterschool program held at Peace Bridge Public School. The program, which is run by the Fort Erie Multicultural Centre, received a $40,000 grant from RBC Royal Bank's After School Project.

Serving the community

Barb Volke says she was meant to help others through Community Program Outreach Erie

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Barb Volke feels like she was meant to help those in need as Community Program Outreach Erie's manager.

The doors to COPE opened in January 1983 but it wasn't until June of that year that Volke signed on to work for the food bank.

With one position open, and two people applying for the job, Volke said she was disappointed when she didn't initially get the hired.

When the other person turned the position down, Volke leapt at the chance to serve the community as a staff member of COPE.

Fast forward 30 years later, and Volke is still happy to be working to serve the needs of the people of Fort Erie.

The COPE office on Dufferin St. is small, but it's just enough space for Volke, her daughter Mandy Crosby, and the food bank.

The Times sat down with Volke in her office to talk about the role she has played in the community.

Question: How was COPE formed?
Answer: I was part of a group. It was called Women Involved Today. It was a social group to empower women to get out and do more. It was for housewives who were looking for things to do. We did all sorts of things like visiting historical places and volunteering. COPE was born out of that.

Q: How did you get the job at the food bank?
A: When I applied for the job, it came down to two people. It was myself and another person. We were both good candidates and they literally picked a name out of a hat. The other person got the job but it wasn't what they expected, so here I am.

Q: How did you initially feel when you thought you didn't get the job?
A: I was devastated I didn't get the job. It was where I wanted to be and when I got the call, I started the next day and I never looked back.

Q: What was it like working at COPE when it first opened?
A: It first started on Jarvis St. and it was crammed with three desks and wall dividers. There was no privacy but we didn't worry about it because we were too busy.

Q: When did COPE move from Jarvis St., to where it is now on Dufferin St.?
A: It eventually moved to Courtwright St. where we had a lot more space. Later we moved to this building on Dufferin St. I can't remember when it happened but it's perfect here for us. We have all the space we need for offices, the food pantry and it's a perfect location for our clients.

Q: COPE operates in a residential neighbourhood. Is it difficult to run a food bank in a residential area?
A: We're thankful that our neighbours have embraced us. One of our neighbours also helps us by cutting the grass. Our neighbours are something we definitely don't take for granted.

Q: How would you describe COPE to someone who didn't know about the organization?
A: We're a grass roots organization with down-to-earth people trying to make a difference in the lives of people. All we want to do is keep our doors open and provide people in need with help. We couldn't do this on our own without the community.

Q: How does the food bank operate?
A: There is no point system. People have to show us verification of household income and how many people live there. Staff put together a list of items and fill a box. It's worked well for 30 years.

Q: What kinds of items do you put in a box and give to a family or an individual in need?
A: It depends on the person's needs. We get to know our clients and we are very responsible and get to know the community as a whole.

Q: How difficult is it to run a food bank in a community in which many of its residents are facing economic struggles?
A: The first word that comes to mind is challenge. People come to us for help whether we provide it through COPE or through another agency. People come to use when they don't know where to go and we try to help steer them in the right direction.

Q: Is there ever a time when COPE isn't able to provide assistance.
A: Admittedly, we don't have answers for everything but we try to do our best to help.

Q: What surprises you the most about your work?
A: During our penny drive, our goal was to raise one million pennies from July 2013 to 2013. People thought it was a pipe dream but we did it and people are still bringing pennies in.

Q: How do you feel about Fort Erie? Do you think it's been painted in a negative light because of all of the loss it has faced in recent years?
A: I was born here, I have always lived here and I doubt I will ever leave. I would never refer to my hometown as dreary. I find it sad and heartbreaking that some people don't think Fort Erie is a good place to live but it's home to me.

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Barb Volke, who has worked for Community Outreach Program Erie for 30 years, is grateful to the community for its continued support, especially with the organization's penny drive.

Public Notice

Public Consultation and Information Sessions for the West Fort Erie Elementary Schools Accommodation Review will be held at the following schools:

Thursday, December 12, 2013
6:00 p.m.
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3770 Hazel Street, Ridgeway, ON
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Thursday, December 12, 2013
7:00 p.m.
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Thursday, December 12, 2013
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Ridgeway hosts inaugural Black Friday event

JENNIFER CHORNLEY Special to The Times

Schmidtz & Gigglez Sweet Shoppe owner Sonia van Brussel, shows local Ridgeway resident Mary Weaver the store's selection of great gift ideas, including imported sweets, stuffed toys and Harry Potter accessories.

Jennifer Chornley
For Fort Erie Times

Black Friday clouded over downtown Ridgeway last Friday, not in a weather sense, but instead, to encourage residents to shop local.

In its inaugural year, a group of local businesses participated in a Black Friday Retail event. The participating shops are also contributing members of the Ridgeway Business Improvement Area (RBIA), which is the brainchild that established the idea.

"Even though we are a small village we wanted to show that we could be competitive with any marketing campaign that is available outside of our community as well," explained RBIA chair Derrick Dea.

Stores remained open later and offered customers gifts with certain purchase amounts and special product discounts in an attempt divert them from shopping out of town at big box stores or venturing cross border.

Despite the damp, wet weather toward the end of the evening, the Black Friday Shopping concept generated a positive response by the business owners and the concept was well-received by customers.

"This year was a tester to see how it would fly," Dea said, adding RBIA members were very pleased with the results of the campaign.

Dea also confirmed that this event will be expanded next year to become a more significant one and ensure more RBIA participating members.

Isabel Przybysz, manager of Downtown Dollar and Discount, asked, "Why go out of town when everything you need is here in Ridgeway?"

Owner Vivianne Cooney agrees. "I am a firm believer in making your shopping experience on the benefits all, especially since the customer lives here, as does the business owner."

The cooperation amongst the business owners was dually noted by Cooney and Maureen Tillett, owner of A Renaissance Woman. Tillett said cooperation has increased through more communication and product and service referrals.

For Maureen cooperation is important, as there are a number of new business owners to the Ridgeway area, herself included. "Referrals from one business to another helps build the community business efforts as well."

Relocating from Burlington to the Ridgeway community earlier this year she commented, "I love this community, the people are open and friendly. It has great community spirit."

Dea also commented on the member cooperation. "It is very important to the RBIA to maintain and support local business and encourage cooperation and involvement of all of its members. "

"We are getting more and more members seeing the benefits of working together to provide a fun and exciting environment for the community to shop," she adds.

Cheryl Carpenter, store manager for Brodie's Drug Stores said the Black Friday was a good idea. However, she did express a bit of concern that some customers were unaware of the shopping event when they entered the store.

Tillett had the same experience and some participants thought it was the same as the United States event, Nov. 29.

Also Tillett stated there may have been some confusion also as there was a Woman's Night Out Shopping event the previous night noting that some shoppers probably wouldn't be back the following night".

"But, moving forward, the reception of the event was well received by customers who did participate," she said in an upbeat tone. "It's a great concept, wonderful thing to do."

Carpenter suggested that the advertising efforts start earlier and have next year's event on the same day as the American day. "It would make a world of difference, enticing people to shop locally instead of cross-border. It's a great way to bring the community together."

Dea addressed the issue of awareness and promotion the event by stating these issues will be expanded next year to include more advertising and social media.

"The community is very important to all of the RBIA members," Dea commented. "We want to prove that we can be a viable shopping experience to residents as well."

Another benefit of shopping locally is the potential surprise factor. Cooney said that just because some businesses look small on the outside, once the customer enters inside, small isn't always the case. Carpenter agrees, as Brodie's is increasing its product lines to incorporate shops Ridgeway doesn't have for the moment, like jewellery.

Another new business Schmidtz & Gigglez Sweet Shoppe can attest to the surprise factor. Sonia and Jessica van Brussel say customers come in all the time, browsing the shop stating, "I haven't seen these in years!"

"Anything you can't find in a regular variety store we have here," Jessica said.

Karen Malton, owner of Work of Art Frame Shop, said, "It can only get better from here."

She said that to have later store openings allows for more flexibility for the residents that work out of town. "It's nice to see everyone working together to achieve more flexibility."

Ridgeway resident Mary Weaver praised the Ridgeway Business Improvement Area's shopping initiative.

"This is a very good way to build up Ridgeway," she said. "We have lost so much, especially the race track. So, it's great everyone is working together to, not only bring in the local residents, but tourists as well."

Tillett echoes that supportive concept.

Plus, because the Ridgeway community has many transients coming in – part-time summer residents retired and semi-retired resident she says, "It has a lot of potential for growth. If the businesses continue to band together as they are now, we could definitely be the next Niagara-on-the-Lake."

The Ridgeway BIA

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Dated this 4th day of November, 2013.

Wayne H. Redekop, Estate Trustee
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Solicitor for the Estate Trustee,
Patrick Charles Murphy

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS IN THE ESTATE OF GERMAINE DUHAMEL

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Proud grandparents for the first time are Tony and Maria Delle Rose of Fort Erie, ON. Allan and Sandy Ash of Sherkston, ON are also pleased to welcome their 8th grandchild to the family. Also celebrating Carson's arrival are his great grandparents; Giovannina Delle Rose of Fort Erie, ON, Paolo & Teresa Donisi of Dunkirk, NY and Muriel Ash of Mississauga, ON. Carson is also welcomed by his many uncles, aunts and cousins. Special 'thank you' to "Team A" of Sages-Femmes Renaissance Midwifery and the nurses at the St. Catharines General Hospital.

Births

RELES

Jackson and Ewan would like to announce the joyful arrival of their baby brother, **Lucas William**. Proud parents are Pattie and Kevin. Elated grandparents are Bob and Janey Renshaw, Giselle Reles and Paul Reles, Great grandmother Jean Reichelt. Lucas was born on Oct. 28, 2013 at the McMaster University Hospital and was 8 lbs 5 ozs.

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Sunday, Dec. 1, 2013 at 1:30pm
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Thank You Notes

Thank You I would like to thank all my family and friends who honored me with their attendance and best wishes for my 90th Birthday party at Bridgewater Country Club. Special thanks to my daughter-in-law Sheila Beck and my two grandsons, Christopher and Adam.
Mildred Newton

Cards of Thanks

John Crotinger

Many thanks to all who expressed condolences, thoughtful sentiments and memories of John.
Much appreciated,
Joy

MILTON MILLER's family would like to thank our relatives and friends for all their support during our recent loss.
For the food, flowers, cards and donations - we thank you.
For the hugs; and being there when we needed you most -we thank you.
To the staff at GNGH and Douglas Memorial Hospital - we thank you.
To CCAC, ParaMeds, St. Elizabeths and Red Cross Care Partners - we couldn't have done it without you.
To the ladies at St. John's & St. Paul's,
To Father Wayne Fraser for his love & support, To Bill Outred for the music, To my sisters for the eulogy, To the Benner Funeral Home for your guidance - thank you.
And last but not least to our grandchildren & great grandchildren, Grandpa would have been so proud of you.
And just to let you know:
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Obituaries

LILLIE, Michael Thomas - Michael passed away at the Douglas Memorial Hospital on Monday November 25, 2013 after a courageous battle with cancer. Predeceased by his parents, Thomas and Ethel Lillie. Proud brother of, Daniel (Dianne), Kevin (Shawn), and Eileen (Patrick). Fondly remembered by his nephews Thom (Kate), Aaron, Zachary, Christopher, Joshua and his nieces Jennifer and Mackenzie. Michael is missed by his many aunts, uncles and cousins both here in Canada and the United Kingdom and by his many dear friends. Michael was an active outdoorsman who enjoyed fishing and hunting trips with his friends. He was a member of St. Andrew's-Knox Presbyterian Church. *"He has fought the good fight, he has finished the race, he has kept the faith."* **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES**, 1105 Benner Ave., Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. The family will receive friends on Friday November 29th from 6-9 p.m. Funeral Services will be conducted in the Benner Funeral Chapel on Saturday morning at 11 am. Interment to follow in McAffee Cemetery. If so desired, donations in Michael's memory to Our Daily Bread or to St. Andrew's-Knox Presbyterian Church would be appreciated by the family.

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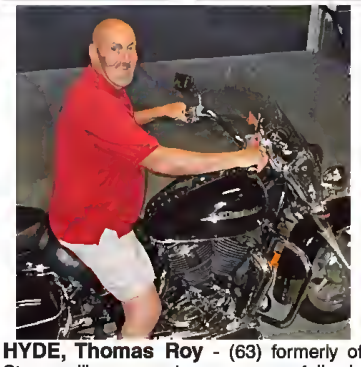
BURTON, Albert - At G.N.G.H. on November 21, 2013, in his 79th year. Albert will be missed by his wife Dawn, daughter Pamela Howe, grandson Colin Howe and sister Leone McGregor. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews and sisters & brothers-in-law. At Albert's request cremation has taken place and interment will take place in Newfoundland this summer. In lieu of flowers, donations to Alivia's Rainbows at www.aliviasrainbows.com would be appreciated by his family. Arrangements entrusted to **NIAGARA FUNERAL ALTERNATIVES,** 905-894-0120.

WHYTE, Annie (nee Grishkewich) - Passed away peacefully, with her family by her side, on Wednesday, November 20, 2013 at Douglas Memorial Hospital, in her 92nd year. Predeceased by her husband Dennis (1990), and by her brothers Alexander and Nicholas. Annie is survived by her siblings Bill (Joyce), Mike (Betty), Mary and Sophia. Annie will also be greatly missed by her nieces and nephews. Annie's family received friends at the **GEORGE DARTE FUNERAL CHAPEL**, 585 Carlton St. on Friday, November 22, 2013. A celebration of Annie's life was held in the funeral home chapel on Saturday, November 23, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. Burial followed the service at Victoria Lawn Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the charity of one's choice.



HYDE, Thomas Roy - (63) formerly of Stevensville, passed away peacefully in Rothesay, New Brunswick Saturday November 16, 2013 after a courageous battle with leukemia. Cherished husband and best friend of Judy, loving father to Thomas (Sarah), Gregg (Angie) and Sherry-Lynn March (Bryan). He will be deeply missed by his grandchildren Helen, Grace, Sonya, Colin and Hailey. Beloved brother of Darlene Augustine (James), Patricia Nemeth (Alexander), Terrance and Suzanne. Tom is lovingly remembered by many nieces and nephews and is predeceased by his parents Lauren and Marjorie Hyde. Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held on Saturday November 30, 2:00pm at the Faith Reformed Church 3605 Black Creek Road, Stevensville.

GEE, James Roy - Passed away peacefully at Greater Niagara General Hospital on Monday November 25, 2013 at the age of 97. Beloved husband of the late Lillian. Dear father of Joyce Milburn (Gordon), Lorene (Ron) Walker, Diane Shears and Jim (Jane) Gee. Much loved grandfather of 10, great-grandfather of 11 and great-great-grandfather of 2. He will also be sadly missed by "Sparky" the dog. **WILLIAMS FUNERAL SERVICES**, 722 Ridge Road entrusted with arrangements. Visitation will be held on Thursday November 28th from 10 am until service time at 11 o'clock. Interment will follow at Ridgeway Memorial Cemetery.

In Memoriams

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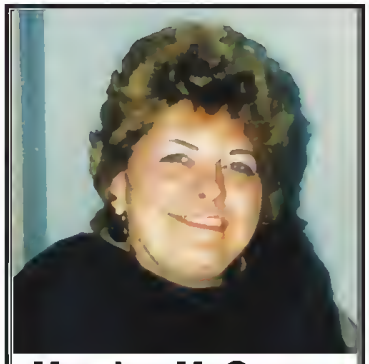
We miss you, Eric
Gram and all your family.



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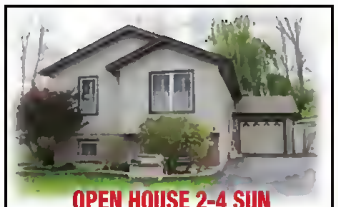

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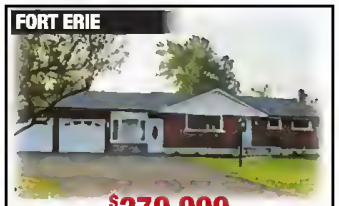

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